



North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner

2007 Corporation Income Tax

Cory Fong, Tax Commissioner

Form 40 Form 40-UT Form 40-ES

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Dear Taxpayer,

As you prepare to file your North Dakota corporation income tax return, you will want to be sure you are using the correct form.

- Corporations engaged in business in North Dakota or having sources of income from North Dakota must file a North Dakota Corporation Income Tax Return, Form 40.
- A corporation which files a Federal Form 1120S as a small business corporation must file a North Dakota Small Business Corporation Income Tax Return, Form 60.
- Financial institutions (See North Dakota Century Code ch. 57-35.3) located or doing business within North Dakota must file a North Dakota Financial Institution Tax Return, Form 35.

To learn more about North Dakota's taxes or to access various forms and publications, please visit our web site at www.nd.gov/tax.

I invite you to let us know what you think we are doing well and what we can do to improve our service to you. Our phone, address, and e-mail information is found on the back of this booklet.

Thank you,

Cory Fong,
Tax Commissioner



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New For 2007

(Effective for taxable years beginning after 12/31/06)

Short period return due dates

The due date for filing short period returns (i.e. returns covering a period of less than one year) is April 15th, or by the date prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service, whichever date is later.

Due dates for payments of estimated tax on short period returns

For short period returns of less than 120 days, estimated payments are not required. For short period returns in excess of 120 days, if the short period ends prior to any remaining due dates for payment of estimated tax, the final estimated tax payment is due on the 15th day of the last month of the short period.

Research and experimental expenditures credit

The rate applied to the first \$100,000 of qualified expenses increased to 25%. The calculation of the credit for qualified expenses in excess of \$100,000 was changed to include three categories of rates, based on which year the taxpayer earned the credit.

Taxpayers certified as a qualified research and development company by the Director of the North Dakota Department of Commerce are eligible to sell, transfer, or assign up to \$100,000 of unused tax credits.

Passthrough entities are considered taxpayers for calculation of the credit. Corporate taxpayers in a consolidated, combined return may apply the credit against the aggregate tax liability on their North Dakota tax return.

Seed capital investment tax credit

The requirements for a business to be certified for the program were expanded and also now allow a business to be recertified one time. The definition of a taxpayer eligible to claim the credit has been expanded to include an angel fund. A taxpayer is entitled to a credit of 45% of the amount invested during a taxable year with a maximum credit of \$112,500 per year. A limit of \$3,500,000 for all seed capital tax credits is allowed for each calendar year.

The time allowed for the Tax Commissioner to audit and assess tax on returns claiming the credit for investments made after December 31, 2002, was extended to four years.

Geothermal, solar, wind or biomass energy device credit

A "biomass energy device" is now included in those devices which qualify for the credit. Also, for devices installed after December 31, 2006, if ownership of the device is transferred when installation is complete and the device is fully operational, the initial purchaser of the device, rather than the installer, is eligible to claim the credit.

The statute was also amended to allow for the sale, assignment, or transfer of unused credits to the purchaser of the power generated by the device as part of a purchase power agreement, or to any North Dakota taxpayer who constructs or expands an electricity transmission line in North Dakota after August 1, 2007. The total amount of credits that can be sold by all taxpayers is limited to \$3,000,000 per biennium.

Agricultural commodity processing facility investment tax credit

Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006 and for qualified businesses certified or recertified after December 31, 2006, the requirements for a business to be certified for the program were expanded and a provision was added to allow a business to be recertified one time.

A taxpayer is allowed a credit of 30% of the amount invested during the taxable year with a maximum yearly credit of \$50,000 and a maximum aggregate total of \$250,000 over any combination of taxable years. A contribution of real property is included as a qualified investment under certain conditions.

The time allowed for the Tax Commissioner to audit and assess tax on returns claiming the credit for investments made after December 31, 2002, was extended to four years.

Endowment fund contribution credit

A corporation may claim a new income tax credit for charitable gifts made to a qualified endowment. The credit is equal to 40% of the contribution and the maximum credit that can be claimed in a taxable year is \$10,000. An unused credit may be carried forward for three years.

The amount of the contribution deducted on the federal return on which the credit is computed must be added back when computing North Dakota taxable income. If the contribution is recovered, the tax credit must be added to tax due in the year of recovery.

A corporation that owns an interest in a passthrough entity qualified to claim the credit may claim the credit in proportion to the corporation's ownership interest.

Investment in a microbusiness

A new income tax credit is available equal to 20% of a corporation's new investment and new employment in a qualified microbusiness in North Dakota. A microbusiness is defined as a business employing five or fewer employees in an economically viable small community.

The microbusiness must be certified by the Director of the North Dakota Department of Commerce to qualify for the credit.

No more than \$10,000 of tax credits are allowed for all tax years and any unused credits may be carried forward for up to five years.

A corporation that owns an interest in a passthrough entity qualified to claim the credit may claim the credit in proportion to the corporation's ownership interest.

Internship employment tax credit

A new income tax credit is available to corporations equal to 10% of the stipend or salary paid to an intern in a qualified internship program and employed by the taxpayer in North Dakota. The credit may not be claimed for more than five interns employed at the same time. A taxpayer may not claim more than \$3,000 for all taxable years combined.

A corporation that owns an interest in a passthrough entity qualified to claim the credit may claim the credit in proportion to the corporation's ownership interest.

Property tax credit

An income tax credit is available for property tax or mobile home tax levied on property classified as commercial property located in North Dakota. The credit is equal to 10% of the property tax calculated before any discounts and not including any special assessments and is limited to \$1,000 each tax year. The credit is in effect for the 2007 and 2008 years only.

For the 2007 income tax year, the credit is based on the 2006 property tax, or the 2007 mobile home tax, that becomes due in the 2007 calendar year. The 2008 credit is based on the 2007 property tax, or the 2008 mobile home tax, that becomes due in the 2008 calendar year. Any unused credits can be carried forward for five income tax years.

A corporation that owns an interest in a passthrough entity qualified to claim the credit may claim the credit in proportion to the corporation's ownership interest.

Credit for investment in an angel fund

A new income tax credit is available for 45% of the amount invested by the taxpayer in an angel fund with an aggregate annual tax credit limit of \$45,000. The angel fund must be incorporated in North Dakota and in compliance with the securities laws of the state. The credit must be claimed in the year the investment was made and the investment must be at risk in the fund for at least three years. Unused credits may be carried forward for four taxable years.

Workforce recruitment credit

A new workforce recruitment income tax credit was enacted equal to 5% of salaries paid to employees in hard-to-fill positions within North Dakota. The salary must meet or exceed 125% of the state average wage. The employer must have exhausted the required recruitment methods and cannot claim the credit until the first tax year after the employee has completed their first 12 consecutive months of employment in the hard-to-fill position. Unused credits may be carried forward for up to four taxable years after the taxable year in which the credit could initially be claimed. This credit will first be available on the 2008 Form 40.

A corporation that owns an interest in a passthrough entity qualified to claim the credit may claim the credit in proportion to the corporation's ownership interest.

Business codes

Effective in 2007, the business codes to be reported on page 1 of the Form 40 can be found under 'forms' in the corporate income section of our web site at www.nd.gov/tax. Use the code that most closely corresponds to the area from which you derived the majority of your income for the tax year. Contact us if you prefer that a list of the business codes be mailed directly to you.

New tax rate

Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006, the graduated income brackets remain the same, but the top tax rate decreases.

| If North Dakota taxable income is: | | The tax is: | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Over | But not over | | of North Dakota taxable income |
| \$ 0 | \$ 3,000 | 2.60% | of the amount over \$3,000 |
| 3,000 | 8,000 | \$78.00 + 4.10% | of the amount over \$8,000 |
| 8,000 | 20,000 | \$283.00 + 5.60% | of the amount over \$20,000 |
| 20,000 | 30,000 | \$955.00 + 6.40% | of the amount over \$30,000 |
| 30,000 | | \$1,595.00 + 6.50% | |

If a corporation elects to use the water's edge method to apportion its income, the corporation will continue to be subject to an additional 3.5% surtax on its North Dakota taxable income.

For Further Information

Information on these 2007 legislative changes can be found in the August 2007 edition of the Practitioners Newsletters located on the Office of State Tax Commissioner's web site www.nd.gov/tax. Information on all the tax credits available to Form 40 filers is available in our booklet "North Dakota Corporate Income Tax Credits" found on our web site. For either publication, click on 'Publications' in the Corporate Income section.

General instructions

Who must file

Every corporation engaged in business in North Dakota or having income from North Dakota sources must file a North Dakota Corporation Income Tax Return, Form 40.

For example, a North Dakota Form 40 must be filed by:

- Corporations, including business trusts, associations, and joint-stock companies;
- Cooperative corporations distributing their net income through patronage dividends;
- Insurance companies conducting business activities not subject to the North Dakota gross premiums tax;
- Tax-exempt organizations having unrelated business taxable income; and
- Organizations that anticipate receiving a tax exempt status notification from the Internal Revenue Service, but have not actually received such notification by the end of the taxable year.

A corporation which files a Federal Form 1120S as a small business corporation must file a North Dakota Small Business Corporation Income Tax Return, Form 60.

Financial institutions located or doing business within North Dakota must file a North Dakota Financial Institution Tax Return, Form 35. (*See N.D.C.C. ch. 57-35.3*)

Due date

A calendar year corporation filing Form 40 must file on or before April 15 following the close of the calendar year.

A corporation reporting on a fiscal year basis must file on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the fiscal year. Use the 2007 Form 40 for fiscal years that begin in 2007 and end in 2008.

A cooperative must file on or before the 15th day of the ninth month following the close of the calendar or fiscal year. Answer "Yes" to Question #5 on page 2 of Form 40.

Tax-exempt organizations required to file an income tax return to report unrelated business taxable income must file a corporation income tax return on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the tax year ends.

Short period return

A corporation required to file a federal short period return must file a North Dakota short period return for the same period. The North Dakota return must be filed by April 15th or by the date prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service, whichever is later.

See instructions for the North Dakota Form 40-ES at the end of this booklet for due dates of estimated payments on short period returns.

A corporation terminating as a Subchapter S Corporation during the year, or a corporation changing its annual accounting period, must annualize its North Dakota taxable income and prorate its state tax liability in the same manner as the federal tax liability is prorated.

Extension of time for filing

An extension of time to file a federal return is automatically accepted by North Dakota as an extension of time to file the state return for the same number of months as the federal extension.

A copy of the federal extension, Form 7004, must be attached to the state return. The return must be processed as a delinquent return if a copy of the federal extension is not attached.

A state extension to file may be obtained, even if a federal extension has not been requested, provided a written request is made to the Office of State Tax Commissioner prior to the due date of the North Dakota return.

An extension of time to file a North Dakota tax return does not extend the time for payment of the tax. A corporation must prepay its entire state tax liability by the regular due date of the tax return for the taxable year, or interest at the rate of 12% per annum will apply to any payment made after the regular due date of the state tax return. The payment must be accompanied by a copy of the federal extension Form 7004 and North Dakota Form 40-EXT, identifying the name, address, and Federal Identification Number of the taxpayer corporation. Alternatively, a letter containing the above information along with a copy of the approved state extension of time to file may be submitted with the prepayment of tax due.

Payment of tax

If tax due (*including interest and penalty*) is less than \$5.00, payment need not be made. If tax is due, the total payment due must be paid at the time of, or before, the return is filed. Payment may be made with check or money order, made payable to the North Dakota State Tax Commissioner.

Payment may also be made by using the Automated Clearing House (ACH) credit procedure of electronic funds transfer. For information, visit our web site at www.nd.gov/tax. Click on Corporate Income and then Electronic Payment, EFT.

Preparer authorization

If the corporation wants to allow the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner to discuss its 2007 tax return with the preparer who signed it, check the box in the signature area of the return. This authorization applies only to the individual whose signature appears in the "Signature of Preparer" section of the corporation's return. It does not apply to the firm, if any, shown in that section.

If the box is checked, the corporation is authorizing the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner to contact the preparer to answer any questions that may arise during the processing of its return.

The corporation is also authorizing the preparer to:

- Give the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner any information that is missing from the return;
- Call the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner about the processing of the return or the status of any related refund or payment(s); and
- Respond to certain North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner notices that the corporation has shared with the preparer about math errors and return preparation. The notices will not be sent to the preparer.

The authorization will automatically end no later than the due date (*excluding extensions*) for filing the corporation's 2008 tax return.

The corporation is not authorizing the preparer to receive any refund check, bind the corporation to anything (*including any additional tax liability*), or otherwise represent the corporation before the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner. If the corporation wants to expand the preparer's authorization, North Dakota Form 500, Authorization to Disclose Tax Information and Designation of Representative, will need to be signed and filed with our office. North Dakota Form 500 can be found on our web site at www.nd.gov/tax. Click on Corporate Income and then Forms.

Attachments

A complete copy of the federal income tax return as filed with the Internal Revenue Service must be attached to Form 40.

Overpayments

Overpayments of income tax may be applied to the 2008 estimated tax (*minimum \$5.00*) or issued as a refund (*minimum \$5.00*).

Interest and penalty

The Office of State Tax Commissioner will notify the taxpayer of any interest and penalty owed on tax due. If desired, interest and penalty may be computed by the taxpayer on tax due and entered on the return.

Interest:

If the full amount of the tax is not paid by the due date, the current provision for interest is:

- Interest will be computed at the rate of 1% per month (*or a fraction of a month*) of the tax due, except the month in which the tax became due.

Penalty:

- If the return is filed by the due date, but the full amount of tax is not paid, a penalty equal to 5% of the unpaid tax due or \$5.00, whichever is greater, becomes payable.
- If the return is not filed by the due date (*or extended due date*), a penalty of 5% of the net tax liability or \$5.00, whichever is greater, applies for the month in which the return is due, with an additional 5% for each additional month (*or a fraction of a month*) during which the delinquency continues, not to exceed 25% of the net tax liability.

If there is an overpayment on Form 40, page 1, interest at the rate of 1% per month accrues on the overpayment beginning forty-five days after the due date of the return (*without extension*) or after the date the return is filed, whichever date is later.

Incomplete return

All applicable lines on Form 40 must be completed. A return with incomplete lines or schedules or with notations such as “see attached statement” or “available upon audit” is not properly filed and will be returned to the taxpayer.

Ratios and decimals

On all schedules where a ratio or decimal is called for, use 6 digits after the decimal point unless otherwise noted.

To file or obtain additional forms and instructions

Completed returns and written requests for information and forms should be mailed to the Office of State Tax Commissioner, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 127, Bismarck, ND 58505-0599.

If you have corporate income tax questions or are seeking tax forms, please e-mail us at corpntax@nd.gov, visit our web site at www.nd.gov/tax, or call our Corporate Tax Section at (701) 328-2046.

For the speech or hearing impaired, call Relay North Dakota at 1-800-366-6888.

Information at the source

Any corporation doing business in North Dakota that is required to file a Federal Form W-2 or 1099 must also file one with this state. For more information on the requirements and alternatives for satisfying those requirements, contact our office.

Quick refund

A quick refund of overpaid estimated income tax may be requested by a corporation if the overpayment exceeds five hundred dollars (*\$500*) and the claim for quick refund is filed after the close of the taxable year but before the 15th day of the fourth month thereafter.

The form for the Quick Refund Of Estimated Income Tax For Corporations (*Form 40-QR*) must be obtained by contacting our office.

Estimated tax payments

If a corporation's estimated state income tax liability exceeds five thousand dollars (*\$5,000*) and its previous year's state income tax liability exceeded five thousand dollars (*\$5,000*), the corporation is required to make an estimated tax payment of at least one-fourth of the amount due on each of four prescribed dates.

Information regarding estimated tax payments is located on the last pages of this booklet.

Amended returns/federal audit changes

An Amended North Dakota Corporation Income Tax Return, Form 40X, must be filed if:

- An amended federal income tax return is filed;
- North Dakota income is changed as a result of a federal audit;
- An error is discovered on a previously filed return;
- The corporation received a refund of federal income tax which was deducted on a previously filed Form 40 for tax years beginning before January 1, 2004.

Information about amended returns can be found in N.D.C.C. §§ 57-38-38 and 57-38-40.

Form 40X and instructions can be obtained by visiting our web site at www.nd.gov/tax.

Federalization

The North Dakota income tax law is perpetually “federalized” for the Federal Taxable Income starting point of the North Dakota return.

Method of corporation taxation

The North Dakota corporation income tax applies only to that portion of a corporation's taxable income which is derived from or attributable to sources within this state.

A nonapportioning corporation, a corporation whose business activity is conducted solely within North Dakota, computes North Dakota taxable income by adjusting its federal taxable income by North Dakota statutory adjustments.

An apportioning corporation, a corporation whose business activity is conducted both within and without North Dakota, computes North Dakota taxable income by adjusting its federal taxable income by North Dakota statutory adjustments and apportioning this adjusted taxable income using Schedule FACT or CR (*Part II*) of Form 40.

A corporation engaged in a unitary business with one or more corporations (*irrespective of the country or countries in which the corporations conduct business*) must file using the combined report method.

A unitary business is a group of corporations which carries on activities, the component parts of which transfer value among themselves through the unities of ownership, operation and use.

- “Unity of ownership” means the group is under the common control of a single corporation, which is also a member of the group. Control exists when the single corporation owns, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent of the voting stock of another corporation;
- “Unity of operation” means the group receives benefits from functional integration or economies of scale;
- “Unity of use” means the group of corporations contributes to or receives benefits from centralized management and policy formation.

Whether a group of corporations is engaged in a unitary business depends on the facts and circumstances of each case. If unity of ownership exists, any of the following facts or circumstances creates a presumption that the unities of operation and use exist; therefore, the corporations are engaged in a unitary business if:

- All activities of the group are in the same general line or type of business;
- The activities of the group constitute different steps in a vertically structured enterprise; or
- The group is characterized by centralized management.

Water's edge election

A corporation required to file its North Dakota return using the worldwide unitary combined report method may elect to use the water's edge method. The water's edge election must be made on the return as originally filed and is binding for five consecutive years. **If the election is made, a corporation will be subject to a 3.5% surtax on its North Dakota taxable income.**

A domestic disclosure spreadsheet must be obtained from and filed with the Office of State Tax Commissioner the first year the property, payroll, or sales in foreign countries exceed ten million dollars and total assets exceed two hundred fifty million dollars, and every third year thereafter provided the property, payroll, or sales in foreign countries exceed ten million dollars and total assets exceed two hundred fifty million dollars.

Specific instructions for Form 40, Page 1

Taxpayer Name

If filing a combined return (line 1 box b) the return should be filed using the taxpayer name and federal identification number of the entity having activity in North Dakota.

If you previously filed a consolidated return (line 1, boxes b1, b2, or c1) as a member of a unitary group and are still a member of that group, use the same taxpayer name and federal identification number as previously filed returns. If not, file using the name and federal identification number of another affiliate having activity in North Dakota in 2007.

Business Code

Enter the business code from the list found on our web site at www.nd.gov/tax that most closely corresponds to the area from which you derived the majority of your income for the tax year.

Line 1 Income

Check the box for the reporting method used to complete the return and enter the income reportable under that method.

a. Single Corporate Entity

The single corporate entity method reports income or loss of only one incorporated business that is not part of a unitary business. (See item "Method of corporation taxation" on page 2.)

If the single corporate entity method is used for both North Dakota and federal purposes, enter the federal taxable income from:

- Federal Form 1120, line 30; or
- Federal Form 1120-A, line 26.

If the single corporate entity method is used for North Dakota purposes and the corporation is included in a consolidated Federal Form 1120, enter the corporation's federal taxable income before consolidating adjustments/eliminations from:

- A pro forma separate company federal income tax return, line 30; or
- The by-company schedule showing gross income and deductions, which supports the consolidated federal taxable income.

Cooperatives and other business organizations using federal forms other than Federal Form 1120 must enter the federal taxable income from the appropriate form.

Combined Report

For North Dakota corporation income tax purposes, a "combined report" means an income tax return on which the tax liability is computed using the methods described in N.D.C.C. chs. 57-38, 57-38.1 and N.D. Admin. Code chs. 81-03-05.1, 81-03-05.2, 81-03-05.3, and 81-03-09.

- Except for 100% North Dakota corporations required to file a consolidated tax return, it is essential to have a unitary business group of corporations before the combined report method can be used. For a discussion of a unitary business group of corporations, see item "Method of corporation taxation" on page 2.
- If filing a combined report method North Dakota tax return where only one company apportions income to North Dakota (*i.e.*, box b or c is checked on Form 40, line 1), the answer to question #8 on page 2 of Form 40 will be "No".
- If filing a combined report method North Dakota tax return where more than one company apportions income to North Dakota (*i.e.*, box b1, b2, or c1 is checked on Form 40, line 1), the answer to question #8 on page 2 of Form 40 will be "Yes".

b. Combined Report Method

Check the "Combined Report Method" box if Form 40 includes only one corporation from a unitary business which apportions its income to North Dakota.

The return should be filed using the taxpayer name and federal identification number of the entity having activity in North Dakota.

Complete Schedule WW on page 4 and enter the amount from line 13 on Form 40, line 1. Attach the completed Schedule WW to Form 40 when filed.

Answer "No" to question #8 on page 2 of Form 40.

b1. 100% North Dakota Corporations Consolidated Return Using the Combined Report Method

Check the "100% North Dakota Consolidated Return" box **if the corporation is required** to file one consolidated North Dakota return using the combined report method.

Two or more corporations **are required** to file one North Dakota return using the combined report method if the corporations are affiliated as parent and subsidiary, are filing a consolidated federal tax return, and all corporations are operating solely within North Dakota.

If box b1 is checked:

1. Complete Schedule WW on page 4 and enter the amount from line 13 on Form 40, line 1. Attach the completed Schedule WW to Form 40 when filed.
2. Complete North Dakota Schedule CR, Parts I, II and III on pages 6, 7 and 8.
3. Answer "Yes" to question #8 on page 2 of Form 40.

Consolidated Return

For North Dakota corporation income tax purposes, a North Dakota "consolidated return" means a single corporation income tax return that reports the tax liability of more than one corporation engaged in business or having sources of income from North Dakota.

- If part of the same unitary group, file the return using the same taxpayer name and federal identification number as previously filed returns if that entity has activity in North Dakota in 2007. If not, file using the name and federal identification number of another affiliate having activity in North Dakota in 2007.

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- Only taxpayers who compute their North Dakota tax liability using the combined report method may file a consolidated return.
- Laws and rules governing consolidated returns are found in N.D.C.C. ch. 57-38, and N.D. Admin. Code ch. 81-03-05.1.
- If filing a consolidated North Dakota tax return, box b1, b2, or c1 should be checked on Form 40, line 1.
- Because a North Dakota consolidated return reports the tax liability of more than one corporation, North Dakota Schedule CR, Parts I, II and III will be completed.
- If filing a consolidated North Dakota tax return (i.e., box b1, b2, or c1 is checked on Form 40, line 1) the answer to question #8 on page 2 of Form 40 will be "Yes".

Schedule CR

North Dakota Schedule CR, Parts I, II and III will be completed **only** for corporations that are required to apportion income to North Dakota (i.e., if a corporation **does not have property, payroll, and/or sales in North Dakota, it will not be listed on Schedule CR. However, the denominator of the apportionment factor computation on Part II will be the total property, payroll, and/or sales for all unitary companies in the combined group**).

The Schedule CR in this booklet allows for three separate companies to be reported. If more companies are to be reported, the tax return preparer should copy Parts I, II and III of Schedule CR and continue to complete the additional schedule copies for companies that apportion their income to North Dakota. (See page 7 for specific instructions for Schedule CR.)

b2. Apportioning Corporation Consolidated Return Using the Combined Report Method

Check the "Apportioning Corp Consolidated Return" box if the corporation is filing one consolidated North Dakota return using the combined report method.

Two or more apportioning corporations **may** file one North Dakota consolidated return if the corporations are required to use the combined report method and more than one of the corporations has a filing requirement in North Dakota.

If box b2 is checked:

1. If part of the same unitary group, file the return using the same taxpayer name and federal identification number as previously filed returns if that entity has activity in North Dakota in 2007. If not, file using the name and federal identification number of another affiliate having activity in North Dakota in 2007.
2. Complete Schedule WW on page 4 and enter the amount from line 13 on Form 40, line 1. Attach the completed Schedule WW to Form 40 when filed.
3. Complete North Dakota Schedule CR, Parts I, II and III only for companies that apportion income to North Dakota. If a corporation **does not have** property, payroll, and/or sales in North Dakota, it will not be listed on Schedule CR.
4. Answer "Yes" to question #8 on page 2 of Form 40.

c. Water's Edge Method

Check the "Water's Edge Method" box if:

- The corporation is a member of a worldwide unitary business group of corporations.
- The corporation elects to file a North Dakota tax return using the water's edge method.
- No other corporations in the combined report have a filing requirement in North Dakota.

If box c is checked:

1. The return should be filed using the taxpayer name and federal identification number of the entity having activity in North Dakota.
2. Complete Schedule WE on page 5 and enter the amount from line 13 on Form 40, line 1. Attach the completed Schedule WE to Form 40 when filed.
3. Answer "No" to question #8 on page 2 of Form 40.

c1. Water's Edge Method Consolidated Return Using the Combined Report Method

Check the "Water's Edge Method Consolidated Return" box if:

- The members of a worldwide unitary business group of corporations elect to file a consolidated tax return using the water's edge method, and
- If two or more apportioning corporations in the combined report have a filing requirement in North Dakota.

If box c1 is checked:

1. If part of the same unitary group, file the return using the same taxpayer name and federal identification number as previously filed returns if that entity has activity in North Dakota in 2007. If not, file using the name and federal identification number of another affiliate having activity in North Dakota in 2007.
2. Complete Schedule WE on page 5 and enter the amount from line 13 on Form 40 line 1. Attach the completed Schedule WE to Form 40 when filed.
3. Complete North Dakota Schedule CR, Parts I, II and III only for companies that apportion income to North Dakota.
4. Answer "Yes" to question #8 on page 2 of Form 40.

d. Other

Check the "Other" box if the corporation has received written permission from the Office of State Tax Commissioner to file a North Dakota return using a filing method other than those specified above.

Other filing methods are contained in N.D.C.C. § 57-38.1-18 (for example, separate accounting or a method using an apportionment factor different from that computed on Schedules FACT or CR).

If the box entitled "Other" is checked:

1. Attach a copy of the letter from the Office of State Tax Commissioner granting permission to use, or requiring the use of, this filing method.
2. Attach a worksheet substantiating and explaining the computation of income.
3. Enter the income from the worksheet on Form 40, line 1.

Line 4

North Dakota apportionable income

If completing Schedule CR, enter the amount from Form 40, page 1, line 4 on Schedule CR, Part I, line 4 (enter the same amount for each company) and complete Parts I, II and III of Schedule CR.

If a North Dakota consolidated tax return is being filed to report the tax liability of more than one corporation engaged in business in or having sources of income from North Dakota:

1. **Do not** complete lines 5-19 of Form 40, page 1 until Schedule CR has been completed.
2. Complete Schedule CR, Parts I, II and III on pages 6, 7 and 8 and enter the totals on Form 40, page 1.
3. Complete Form 40, page 1.
4. Attach the completed Schedule CR to Form 40 when filed.

Line 5 Apportionment factor

If a corporation has business income from activity solely within this state, enter 1.000000 on this line.

Corporations not filing a consolidated return, enter the apportionment factor from Schedule FACT, line 14.

Corporations completing Schedule CR must enter the apportionment factor from Schedule CR, Part II, line 15a.

It is required that the supporting schedule FACT or CR, Part II, whichever is applicable, be completed, and that the 6-digit factor from the supporting schedule be carried to Form 40, page 1, line 5.

If the supporting schedule is not completed, the return will be considered incomplete and mailed back.

Line 7 Income allocated to North Dakota

Enter nonbusiness income allocated to North Dakota less related expenses. Nonbusiness income is allocated to North Dakota if the income is attributable to North Dakota.

Expenses must be attributed to nonbusiness income in a manner which fairly distributes all of the corporation's expenses to its various types of income.

Corporations completing Schedule CR must enter the total nonbusiness income for all corporations having activity within North Dakota.

Line 9 Exemption for new and expanding business

If the corporation received a new and expanding business exemption from the State Board of Equalization, enter the amount of exempt income computed pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 81-03-01.1-06.

Corporations completing Schedule CR must enter the exempt income for each corporation having an exemption.

Attach a schedule showing the computation of exempt income for each corporation.

Line 10 Renaissance zone income exemption

If the corporation is claiming exempt income as a result of the Renaissance Zone Act, enter the total amount of exemption from the summary part of Schedule RZ. Contact the Office of State

Tax Commissioner at (701) 328-2046 to obtain Schedule RZ. Attach Schedule RZ to Form 40 when filed.

Line 11 ND income after income exemptions

If the amount on line 11 is a loss, the loss must be carried forward.

Line 12 North Dakota loss carryforward

The North Dakota loss carryforward allowed on the Form 40 is the amount of the accumulated North Dakota loss less any previously deducted loss carryback or carryforward.

North Dakota net operating losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002 cannot be carried back to a previous taxable year. These net operating losses must be carried forward. Capital losses may still be carried back.

Attach a worksheet showing the accumulated loss, by year, less any previously deducted loss carryback or carryforward.

Corporations completing Schedule CR must enter the loss carryforward from all corporations listed on Schedule CR.

Line 14 Gross proceeds allocated to North Dakota from sale of North Dakota tax credits

Enter on this line the gross proceeds from the sale, assignment or transfer of unused North Dakota tax credits from the Credit for Research and Experimental Expenditures or from the Geothermal, Solar, Wind or Biomass energy device tax credit. See instructions for these credits for more information.

Line 15 North Dakota taxable income

If line 14 is zero enter the amount from line 13.

If line 13 is zero or less and line 14 is greater than zero, enter the amount from line 14.

If line 13 is greater than zero, enter the total of line 13 and line 14.

Line 21 Tax year 2007 estimated income tax payments

Enter the total 2007 estimated income tax payments. Also, enter any 2006 overpayment credited to the 2007 taxable year and any payment voluntarily made to the state with an extension of time for filing.

Line 22a Interest and penalty for balance due

The Office of State Tax Commissioner will notify the taxpayer of any interest and penalty owed on tax due. If desired, interest and penalty may be computed by the taxpayer on tax due and entered on the return.

Interest:

If the full amount of the tax is not paid by the due date, the current provision for interest is:

- Interest will be computed at the rate of 1% per month (*or a fraction of a month*) of the tax due, except the month in which the tax became due.
- If the full amount of tax is paid after the original due date but before the extended due date interest will be computed at a rate of 12% per annum.

Penalty:

- If the return is filed by the due date, but the full amount of tax is not paid, a penalty equal to 5% of the unpaid tax due or \$5.00, whichever is greater becomes payable.
- If the return is not filed by the due date (*or extended due date*), a penalty of 5% of the net tax liability or \$5.00, whichever is greater, applies for the month in which the return is due, with an additional 5% for each additional month (*or a fraction of a month*) during which the delinquency continues, not to exceed 25% of the net tax liability.

Line 22b Interest on underpayment of estimated tax

Instructions for making estimated tax payments are found at the back of this booklet. If estimated payments are not timely made or in the correct amount, interest is charged.

The amount of interest due for underpaid or late payments of estimated tax can be computed on North Dakota Form 40-UT, found at the back of this booklet. Enter the interest from Form 40-UT, line 9 on line 22b. Attach Form 40-UT to Form 40 when filed.

Line 23a Amount to be credited to year 2008

A corporation may elect to have the overpayment credited to their 2008 estimated tax. The overpayment will be credited to the first installment for 2008.

Specific instructions for Schedule SA

Additions

Line 3 All taxes measured by income deducted to arrive at federal taxable income

Enter all taxes measured by income, including income taxes, franchise or privilege taxes measured by income (*paid to any taxing authority including a foreign country*) to the extent such taxes were deducted to arrive at federal taxable income.

Line 4 North Dakota depreciation adjustment

North Dakota income tax statutes do not allow for the use of ACRS depreciation on assets placed in service between January 1, 1981, and the end of the 1982 tax year. These assets must be depreciated using methods allowed under the Internal Revenue Code provisions in effect as of December 31, 1980. Federal taxable income must be adjusted for the difference in these two methods. Enter the amount of ACRS depreciation deducted on the federal return for these assets for the current taxable year.

Include depreciation on all currently held assets which were placed in service between January 1, 1981 and the end of the 1982 tax year, *not* just such assets which are located within North Dakota.

In computing this adjustment, exclude safe harbor lease assets.

Line 6 Contribution to endowment fund credit adjustment

Enter on this line, the contribution made to an endowment fund that was deducted on your federal income tax return to the extent a credit has been claimed on Schedule TC, line 18.

Line 7 Domestic production activity deduction

Enter on this line the amount deducted on the federal return for U.S. production activities income allowable under section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), to the extent the deduction was taken to determine federal taxable income. This federal deduction is the "domestic production activities deduction".

Line 8 Other additions

The safe harbor lease provisions in Section 168(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, are not adopted in North Dakota in those instances where the minimum investment by the lessor is less than one hundred percent (100%). Enter amounts on line 6, as follows:

- Seller/Lessee: sale proceeds, rent expense, amortization expense, lease acquisition cost.
- Buyer/Lessor: interest expense, depreciation expense, amortization expense, acquisition cost, loss on sale of property.

See N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01(5)(a) for more information.

Subtractions

Line 10 Tax refunds received in year 2007

Enter all income, franchise or privilege tax refunds received in 2007, to the extent such taxes were previously included in North Dakota taxable income.

Federal income tax refunds received cannot be included on this line. See General instructions: Amended returns/federal audit changes.

Line 12 North Dakota depreciation adjustment

Enter the amount of depreciation computed for the current taxable year on assets placed in service between January 1, 1981 and the end of the 1982 tax year, using methods allowable as of December 31, 1980. (*See instructions for line 4 for further explanation*).

Include depreciation on all currently held assets which were placed in service between January 1, 1981 and the end of the 1982 tax year, *not* just such assets which are located within North Dakota.

In computing this adjustment, exclude safe harbor lease assets.

Lines 13 and 14 Allocated income and related expenses

Enter all nonbusiness income on line 13 and enter related expenses on line 14. The method used to attribute expenses to nonbusiness income must fairly distribute all of the corporation's deductions to all of its various types of income.

If an entry is made, all of the following must be attached to Form 40:

- A worksheet showing each type of income or loss item allocated and its amount;

- Documentation showing the state to which the item of income or loss was allocated (*a copy of the other state's tax return is preferred*); and
- A narrative explaining the reasons for allocating each item of income or loss.

Line 17 Other subtractions

If the amount on Form 40, page 1, line 1 includes any gain, either ordinary or capital, from property subjected to eminent domain sale or transfer, such gain is not taxable and must be entered on this line.

Section 168(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, is not adopted in North Dakota in those instances where the minimum investment by the lessor is less than one hundred percent (100%). Enter amounts as follows:

- Seller/Lessee: interest income and depreciation expense (*for assets placed in service between January 1, 1981 and the end of the 1982 taxable year, use methods allowed under the Internal Revenue Code as of December 30, 1980. For assets placed in service after the 1982 taxable year, use ACRS depreciation*).
- Buyer/Lessor: rental income.

Regulated investment companies, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, will be allowed to subtract on this line certain dividends paid to shareholders. The dividends paid must be attributable to income that is taxable under N.D.C.C. ch. 57-38 when the regulated investment company earns the income.

Specific instructions for Schedule TC

Lines 1 and 2 Contributions to nonprofit private colleges and high schools

Tax credits are available for making contributions to qualifying nonprofit private institutions of secondary and higher education located in North Dakota (*including the North Dakota Independent College Fund*). Contributions do not qualify unless they are made directly to, or are specifically designated for the exclusive use of, a qualifying institution. A contribution to an account, fund or entity benefiting both qualifying and nonqualifying institutions does not qualify for the credit. The credits are available if the contribution(s) is made by the due date of this return, including extensions.

The tax credit for contributions made to all eligible schools in *each* category of institution is equal to the lesser of:

- 50% of the contributions, but not to exceed 20% of the total ND income tax due for each corporation; or
- \$2,500.

Enter on line 1 the tax credit computed for contributions to nonprofit private institutions of higher education (*and the North Dakota Independent College Fund*) and enter on line 2 the tax credit computed for contributions to nonprofit private institutions of secondary education.

For each contribution, attach a copy of a receipt from the nonprofit private institution or a copy of a cancelled check (*front and back*).

Lines 3-21

Instructions for the following tax credits can be found on our web site at www.nd.gov/tax. Click on "North Dakota Corporate Income Tax Credits" under Publications under the Corporate Income section. If you would like a copy mailed to you, contact the corporate income tax section at 701-328-2046 or e-mail at corptax@nd.gov.

Line 3. Venture capital corporation credit.

Line 4. North Dakota small business investment company.

Line 5. Geothermal, solar, wind and biomass energy device credits generated by the taxpayer.

Line 6. Geothermal, solar, wind and biomass energy device credits purchased by the taxpayer.

Line 7. Credit for employment of the developmentally disabled or chronically mentally ill.

Line 8. Credit for research and experimental expenditures generated by the taxpayer.

Line 9. Credit for research and experimental expenditures purchased by the taxpayer.

Line 10. Tax credit for new industry.

Line 11. Credit for payment to a certified nonprofit development corporation.

Line 12. Renaissance zone tax credit(s).

Line 13. Credit for biodiesel fuel production.

Line 14. Credit for seed capital business investment.

Line 15. Credit for blending biodiesel fuel.

Line 16. Credit for biodiesel fuel sales equipment costs.

Line 17. Agricultural commodity processing facility investment tax credit.

Line 18. Contribution to endowment fund credit.

Line 19. Credit for investment in a microbusiness.

Line 20. Employee internship credit.

Line 21. Credit for investment in an angel fund.

Line 22 Property tax credit

To receive the property tax credit, you must complete page 9 of the Form 40, Schedule 40-PT. Instructions can be found on the back of Schedule 40-PT.

Specific instructions for Schedule CR

Schedule CR is a worksheet to compute the North Dakota tax liability of multiple nexus companies in one unitary group on one North Dakota "consolidated" return. The tax liabilities are computed for each company apportioning its income to North Dakota, added together, and the total carried to page one of the Form 40. Before you begin to complete the CR schedules, you must complete lines 1-4 of Form 40 page 1.

Schedule CR has three parts:

Schedule CR, Part I calculates the tax liability of each company.

- Line 4 - Enter the amount from Form 40, page 1, line 4 (*enter the same amount for each nexus company*).

- Line 5 - Enter the factor as calculated for each company on Schedule CR Part II, line 15.

Schedule CR, Part II calculates the North Dakota apportionment factor for each nexus company.

- Each company computes its separate North Dakota apportionment factor using the total everywhere property, payroll, and sales of the entire unitary business group for the denominators. Each company uses its own separate North Dakota property, payroll, and/or sales as the numerator.

Schedule CR, Part III reports the tax credits available for each company.

The tax credits are calculated for each company and totaled on Line 23. The total is carried to line 19 of Schedule CR, Part I. After all tax credits are reported on Schedule CR, Part III, each tax credit is totaled for all companies and reported on Schedule TC on page 4.

After Schedule CR has been completed and each separate company that apportions its income to North Dakota has computed its North Dakota tax liability and net income tax due, Form 40, page 1 lines 5-20 are completed as follows:

1. Copy the apportionment factor from Schedule CR, Part II, line 15a to line 5 of Form 40 page 1.
2. Add together all the separate companies' amounts for lines 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17 and 19 on Schedule CR, Part I and copy the total of each line for all companies to the corresponding line on page 1 of the Form 40.
3. Complete Form 40, Schedule TC. The total credits for all companies included on Schedule CR must equal the credits reported on Form 40, Schedule TC.
4. Copy the amount from Schedule CR, Part I, line 20a to Form 40, page 1, line 20.

Attach the completed Schedule CR to Form 40 when filed.

A corporation may take a credit for property taxes or mobile home taxes paid on property classified as commercial property and owned by the corporation in North Dakota. The credit is based on the 2006 property tax that became due in the 2007 calendar year or in the case of mobile home tax, the 2007 tax that became due on January 1, 2007. To qualify for this credit, you are required to file a North Dakota income tax return.

The credit is equal to 10% of the tax (*before any discount and not including special assessments*) levied on the property. The maximum credit allowed per year is \$1,000. A corporation calculating their tax due on Schedule CR for two or more companies with activity in North Dakota may claim the maximum credit for each corporation. Any unused credit may be carried forward for five income tax years.

If a corporation holds an interest in a partnership or other passthrough entity that qualifies for this tax credit, the corporation may claim its share of the tax credit passed through to it by the passthrough entity.

To claim the credit, Form 40-PT must be completed and attached to Form 40. If you are using filing methods b1, b2, or c1, complete Form 40-PT for each entity that owned and paid eligible property taxes or mobile home taxes on property classified as commercial property in North Dakota.

The Form 40-PT must be completed using the name and federal identification number of the entity owning the eligible property and claiming the tax credit.

If you have more than one property tax statement for commercial property in North Dakota, enter the properties starting with the one resulting in the highest share of tax claimed in column E. Enter only the number of properties needed to reach the maximum tax credit of \$1,000.

Line 1a
Column A

Enter the property or parcel number for property you own in North Dakota. The number can be found on the property tax statement received from the county where the property is located.

Column B
Enter the county number in which the property is located from the county code list below.

Column C
Enter the total amount of property taxes before any special assessments are added and before any discount is subtracted.

Column D
If the property is owned by two or more parties, enter only the corporation's percentage of ownership. The amount entered should be rounded to two places. For example, 100% would be entered as 100.00, 25% would be entered as 25.00.

Column E
Multiply column C by column D to calculate the corporation's share of the property tax.

Line 2
If the corporation is an owner in a passthrough entity and has not reached the maximum credit on line 1, enter the information as requested for eligible property tax paid by any passthrough entities on commercial property owned by the entity in North Dakota. These entities include partnerships, subchapter S corporations, and limited liability companies treated like passthrough entities for income tax purposes. You must have held an interest in the passthrough entity on the due date of the entity's property tax.

Line 7
Enter the credit available to be used on Schedule TC line 22 or on Schedule CR Part III if filing a CR schedule. Enter only the total that, when combined with the other credits claimed, will not exceed the corporation's total tax liability.

Line 8
Subtract line 7 from line 6 and enter the difference here. Any remaining balance on line 8 is carried forward to your 2008 North Dakota income tax return.

You must attach ALL copies of Form 40-PT to receive the credit. If you reported any tax credit claimed from a passthrough entity, attach a copy of the statement received from each passthrough entity.

| County Codes | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----|---------------|-----|-----------|-----|----------|
| 001 | Adams | 027 | Eddy | 053 | McKenzie | 079 | Rolette |
| 003 | Barnes | 029 | Emmons | 055 | McLean | 081 | Sargent |
| 005 | Benson | 031 | Foster | 057 | Mercer | 083 | Sheridan |
| 007 | Billings | 033 | Golden Valley | 059 | Morton | 085 | Sioux |
| 009 | Bottineau | 035 | Grand Forks | 061 | Mountrail | 087 | Slope |
| 011 | Bowman | 037 | Grant | 063 | Nelson | 089 | Stark |
| 013 | Burke | 039 | Griggs | 065 | Oliver | 091 | Steele |
| 015 | Burleigh | 041 | Hettinger | 067 | Pembina | 093 | Stutsman |
| 017 | Cass | 043 | Kidder | 069 | Pierce | 095 | Towner |
| 019 | Cavalier | 045 | LaMoure | 071 | Ramsey | 097 | Traill |
| 021 | Dickey | 047 | Logan | 073 | Ransom | 099 | Walsh |
| 023 | Divide | 049 | McHenry | 075 | Renville | 101 | Ward |
| 025 | Dunn | 051 | McIntosh | 077 | Richland | 103 | Wells |
| | | | | | | 105 | Williams |

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